

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention enables an inter-network to provide
enhanced conferencing services (such as, for example, multiple
discussions, whispering and filtering) which includes one or more
conference networks coupled to a service provider network over a
10 public Internet, where the service provider network includes
control features for establishing conferencing sessions. In
particular, the present invention provides a conferencing (audio
15 and/or video and/or the like networked conferencing with control
features supportive of sub-conferencing) technology that
incorporates enhanced control features (multiple discussions,
whispering and filtering and the like) in an Internet-based
20 solution by extending the traditional concept of "room" to
"table" and "avatar" to organize a conferencing session.

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